Injury Prevention Statewide Survey

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Injuries have causes—they simply do not befall us from fate or bad luck- David Lawrence

IP Survey

- Short on-line survey distributed via Survey Monkey in Fall of 2008
 - 9 questions
- Who was it sent to:
 - Indiana Trauma Taskforce Listserve
 - Members of the Indiana Trauma Network
 - Injury Prevention Advisory Council
 - Listserve of all ED in state

IP Survey

- How Many Responses???
 - 55 Unduplicated Responses

Question 1:

Name of your program/organization

Question 2:

Who is the contact person for your organization's injury prevention activities?

Question 3:

Do you (or your organization) have an injury prevention program or initiative?

Answer:

70.9% (39/55) indicated that their organization had an injury prevention (IP) program

Majority of IP Programs are hospital based (71.8%, 28/39)

3 Respondents without IP programs indicated some type of IP so included in results

Question 4:

What are your injury prevention focus topics?

Answer: See Table 1

Top Focus Areas:

Motor Vehicle Crashes (30/42, 71.4%)

Bike/Pedestrian Safety (28/42, 66.7%)

Falls (21/42, 50.0%)

Question 5:

What is the emphasis or goal of your injury prevention program(s) (check all that apply)?

Answer: See Table 2

Top 3 answers:

- 1. Education (41/42, 97.6%)
- 2. Awareness (39/42, 92.9%)
- 3. Training (24/42, 57.1%)

Question 6:

What populations do you work with (check all that apply)?

Answer:

The largest population that the respondents work with around Indiana is children (37/42, 88.1%) followed by adolescents (36/42, 85.7%).

- ▶ 54.8% of respondents indicated that they work with the elderly population (23/42).
- ▶ 38.1% of respondents indicated that they work with the gay/lesbian/transgender population in their injury prevention efforts (16/42).
- See Table 3

Question 7

What geographic location(s) does your program cover (i.e. hospital district number, county, city, township, northwest Indiana, etc.)?

Answer: Answers varied

- Geographic Regions
 - 6 people indicated that IP covers state and one person indicated that they cover the tri-state area
 - 18/92 counties were represented (19.6% of state)
 - One respondent said 50 counties were covered
 - 9 respondents indicated large geographic regions
 - Northwest Indiana
 - Northeast Indiana
 - Central Indiana (6 respondents)
 - Southwest Indiana

Question 8

What other injury prevention activities exist in your community, if any?

Answer:

Answers varied, but overall, many groups do not really know what others are doing in their community or around the state.

- "I am not aware of any others, but we are trying to expand our program."
- "Very few, isolated occasional events sponsored by various fire departments."

Limitations

- Did all groups submit data from around the State? No
 - Need to follow-up
- We do NOT know if a program is working?
 - Is the program being evaluated?
 - Are there specific outcomes that groups are looking for?
 - Is the IP program effective? If not, are we harming vs helping Indiana citizens? Some of the programs are known to have harmful effects and unintended consequences.

Conclusion

- Different age and gender structures, ethnicity and attitudes, resources, social structure and environments lead to different types and severities of injuries and different injury rates around Indiana.
- Questions for the group:
 - We (Indiana) have a variety of IP programs, BUT do we need more? Are the programs being duplicated? Are they uncoordinated? How do we make sure all programs are evaluated?
- Input from IP Advisory Group and IP trauma taskforce committee on where to go from here is vital.

Questions?